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Experiment right on target

A marshmallow gun designed by Taylor Swedgan (left) and Avery Warawa (not shown) drew more than a few would-be marksmen to the Award of Excellence winning display at the Elk Point Elementary School's annual science fair last Tuesday. Other experiments ranged from colour-changing carnations to erupting volcanoes, as students showed off their knowledge of the many branches of science.

Elementary's scientists show off their skills

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Young scientists from Elk Point Elementary School's Grade 3 to 6 classes packed two classrooms with well-executed displays and sizeable crowds of interested viewers last Tuesday evening, for the annual Science Fair, with awards of excellence going to the top exhibitors.

Awards winners in the Grades 5 and 6 lineup included Rhianna Bjorkman with her "Magnificent Moon," Ty Smereka and Mickal Pilisko with their answer to the question, "Which pop has the most pressure when adding Mentos?" Katelyn Boratynec and Zoe Cribbins with their crowd-pleasing display on modern technology and vehicle safety, Brooklyn Gochko and Samantha O'Reilly with their "All Mighty Egg Drop" and Brandon Schell with an eye-catching display on "Crystallization." Other Grade 5 exhibitors included Daniel Cardinal, Emily Driechal and Hailey Bykowsky, Rachel Zacharuk and Michah Urquhart, Taylor Ford, Maia Harms and Mykaela Verenka, while Kenya Krawchuk, Cameron Garnett-Bennett, Kolbie Poitras and Erin Duffee, Kaycee Wruth and Chloe Cardinal and Colton McLean all had exhibits in the Grade 6 division.

Winning displays in the Grade 3 and 4 competitions were many and varied, ranging from "Trapped Volcano" by Lillyen Swedgan and CorraLynn Kowal-King to "What is a Bearded Dragon Lizard" by Piper Babcock and Kori Kozicky.

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'You Can't Take it With You' hits ALC stage

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Community Choir's 2014 dinner theatre presentation, "You Can't Take it With You" hit the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre stage this past weekend for the first two of six performances, providing a highly entertaining evening of comedy that just might have left some of those in the audience thinking, "Perhaps there is more to life than making money."

The Sycamore family, whose middle-class, postwar home is the setting for the three-act play, certainly lives by that creed, and is a little bit dysfunctional, although it would be decades before that term would come into fashion.

The mother, Penelope Sycamore

(Dorothy Wuola), writes plays and paints, her husband Paul (Udo Mueller) invents and produces fireworks in the basement with the assistance of Mr. De Pima (John Sieben), a deliveryman who came to the door years ago and never left, and Grandpa Martin Wanderhof (Shaun Sheplaw) gets his thrills from collecting snakes, ignoring letters from the tax department and attending commencement ceremonies.

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ART FOR ART'S SAKE takes over the Sycamore home, as Mr. Di Palma (John Sieben) poses for Penelope Dorothy Wuola) and Mr. Kalenkhov (Randall Kryes) coaches ballerina Essie (Dixie Coleman), while Grandpa (Shaun Sheplaw) is even more puzzled than usual.



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Provincial government says 2014 budget is 'going in right direction'

SAM MACDONALD

Review Contributor

The Government of Alberta released its 2014 budget on Thursday, with a focus on keeping tax levels where they are, and fiscal responsibility in the coming year.

"I think the budget is a positive budget, going in the right direction," said Bonnyville-Cold Lake MLA Genia Leskiw, following the release of the budget last week. "We have zero dollars being borrowed for operational funds, and we have a \$2.6 billion surplus on operational funds. We put \$24 billion into savings and the money we did borrow is for capital spending."

A press release from the provincial government describes the budget as implementing, "the next phase of the Building Alberta Plan," along with investing in families and communities, living within our means and opening new markets for Alberta's resources.

The budget has an operational surplus of \$2.6 billion. The government says it is keeping operating expense growth below population plus inflation, and is not adding any new taxes or tax increases this year.

Other commitments in the budget include 155 K-12 school projects, seven

post-secondary projects, 24 health facility projects, 258 kilometers of new or twinned highways and 2,500 kilometers of rehabilitated highways over the next three years.

Last week, Premier Alison Redford described the budget as "fully balanced."

In the press release she said, "We faced some incredibly difficult decisions in the wake of the Bitumen Bubble. But we took strong action to get us firmly on the path to a balanced budget, while at the same time launching the Building Alberta Plan to ensure we also addressed our infrastructure deficit."

Leskiw says "The provincial government is making more money on its investments than it's costing us to borrow . . . Borrowing is at four per cent, so we're making money on investments."

She describes budget highlights for the next three years as including \$5.1 billion on municipal infrastructure, \$5 billion for a provincial highway network, \$2.6 billion for new health care facilities, \$1.8 billion for new school capital projects, and \$859 million in flood recovery.

"I know right now there are plans to overlay 881 going north from Highway 28. That section was really falling apart, and (there is) planning to overlay that,"

says Leskiw.

Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills Wildrose MLA Shayne Saskiw is critical of the provincial government's claims of a balanced budget saying, "It's clear that the PC government is doubling down on debt. Budget 2014 will cost Albertans \$21 billion of debt by the 2016-17 fiscal year. Alberta will add \$5.1 billion of debt this year alone, on this budget. We're passing on a liability to future generations."

Saskiw says the model the provincial government uses to calculate debt and spending is inaccurate and misleading.

"It's not a surplus. The finance minister is playing with numbers. There are three different sets of books, operational, capital, and saving. (The minister) is showing the surplus in one, and showing a massive amount of borrowing in the others."

Saskiw says if operational funding, capital, and saving were examined and considered on a consolidated basis, it would show the government has "a massive deficit."

"Prior to Redford, the government showed simply what it was, showing surplus or deficit. It was a question of 'How much money do we take in?' versus 'How much money do we spend?' Unfortunately Redford has confused the accounting to try and hide the true level of deficit," says Saskiw.

Saskiw says the government is not planning to fund core priority

infrastructure projects in northern Alberta, which it neglects in the budget.

"It looks like where funding is going is other parts of the province. Northern Alberta is the province's economic driver, it generates a vast amount of revenue . . . The budget betrayed north Albertans. There's no commitment of funding for key highways. They mentioned the twinning of Highway 63, but there was no mention of twinning for Highway 881, and no mention of Highway 28."

Saskiw refers to the CRISP report as proof the provincial government recognizes key transportation corridors, but doesn't spend enough to support them. He criticizes the government's spending on things like the new MLA offices, the travel expenses of the premier, and pay raises for cabinet ministers and MLAs saying,

"Albertans are going to be left with the bill."

The Wildrose plans to provide recommendations in response to the budget, which will "move toward a consolidated, balanced budget. Most of that is eliminating corporate welfare, seeing savings on the upper executive level of management, particularly within the AHS, and eliminating many of the perks the PC Government has given themselves," says Saskiw.

"We're going to be looking for savings in areas that don't take away from frontline services and resources."

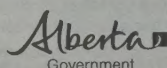
Call for Expression of Interest to be a Candidate for Participation in Regional Plan Review Panels

The Government of Alberta is continuing its work on developing seven regional plans under the direction of the Land-use Framework for Alberta. Each plan provides the context and guidance for land and natural resource use in each region to help achieve Alberta's long-term social and economic goals based on a foundation of good environmental management.

Regional plans are developed in consultation with Albertans and become legal instruments once approved by Cabinet. As such, the *Alberta Land Stewardship Act* (ALSA) includes provisions for requesting a review of a regional plan or regional plan amendment. To support this review process, the Government of Alberta is creating a standing roster of candidates from which it will select members to participate in review panels for regional plans once the plans have been implemented. The role of the panel will be to consider review requests and provide recommendations to the Government of Alberta.

Candidates from the roster will be invited to participate in panels based on the subject matter of the review and the candidate's area of expertise. Once the roster is established, candidate names will sit on the roster for between two to three years. The roster will consist of a broad range of stakeholders and as such, individuals with a background or interest in property rights, First Nations, business, environment and rural or urban interests are encouraged to apply.

For further information on candidate requirements and to submit your interest for participation in Regional Plan Review Panels, please visit the Land-use Framework website at: <http://www.landuse.alberta.ca>.



Wildrose fundraiser sells out

BRANDON MACLEOD

Review Contributor

Tickets for this year's Wildrose Party fundraising dinner in Glendon were sold out, as people from around the Lakeland packed into the RCMP Hall, joining Wildrose MLAs Shayne Saskiw and Kerry Towle, as they presented the party's platform, before sitting down for a question and answer period.

Representatives from municipalities across the Lakeland were on hand, including councillors from the MD of Bonnyville, County of St. Paul, as well as former Bonnyville mayor and long-time Wildrose member Ernie Isley, to see Saskiw, the MLA for Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills and Wildrose Justice Critic, quickly rip into the provincial government's handling of healthcare.

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Chamber's breakfast needs a new crew

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is going to need new partners if they plan to host the Canada Day pancake breakfast this year.

Servus Credit Union has provided the venue for the event for a number of years, donating the use of the parking lot as a site and the coffee break room for a mixing centre, with the Credit Union staff making up an increasingly large percentage of those preparing, serving and cleaning up after the event. In fact, branch manager Jennifer Dallaire told last Wednesday's chamber meeting, "Last year, there was only one chamber member and one volunteer besides us." The staff wasn't finished with the cleanup until 2 p.m., she said, "and we were tired. We want a year off."

Fellow Servus staffer Lorrie O'Reilly added that, with the exception of Dallaire, "everybody has young children" and would like to enjoy the Canada Day activities with them. The credit union also has a float in the parade, which starts immediately after the breakfast comes to an end, and the ladies noted that the need to bring the breakfast to an abrupt halt when there is still a lineup also was a problem.

"Maybe some other group would like to take this on as a fundraiser," Dallaire suggested, noting that their parking lot, with outdoor power hookups and water source, would still be available, along with all the lists of groceries and equipment required, for whoever takes on the

event this year.

The change from Thursday evening chamber meetings back to the traditional Wednesday noon "may take a while to get used to," noted chamber vice president Dwayne Yaremkevich, who chaired the meeting. Although the change did not result in a large upswing in attendance, "at least we have some people we haven't seen in a while."

The chamber is still waiting to hear if the federal summer works grant for Eco Centre staff has been approved, and is also still waiting on an estimate for the outdoor washroom completion, however, the Town of Elk Point has taken over getting the wind damaged shingles replaced, and has been in touch with the original contractor in that regard.

Mayor Parrish Tung reported that another lot in the industrial park has been sold, and four new buildings will be going up in that area this year. Three new homes are under construction in the new residential area, where 13 additional lots are ready to be sold, and the mayor feels that a lack of building contractors could be causing the slowdown in sales. The New Home Buyer Protection Act, which requires builders to provide a warranty prior to beginning construction, may also be a factor.

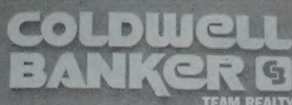
The chamber received information about a customer service workshop to be held later in the week, as well as a Portage College food sciences fundraising gala and a charity hockey game and community fundraiser in St. Paul that is being coordinated by MP Brian Storseth.



Chamber president visits Legislature

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Debra McQuinn visited the Alberta Legislature on Thursday, and was one of three guests introduced by MLA Shayne Saskiw, who said, "Coming all the way from the charming town of Elk Point, Debra McQuinn is a financial planner with Servus Credit Union by day and is an Elk Point town councillor and the president of the Elk Point chamber of commerce by night, yet somehow she finds time to play for the town's ladies' hockey team. Debra has been a resident of Elk Point for 17 years now along with her husband, Andrew, and two children, Colby and Jessica."

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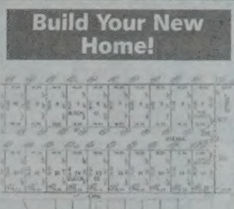
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Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky



- Drug products are designed to treat specific conditions. But sometimes, new uses are found for the product after years of use. An example is Pepto-Bismol which can bring quick relief for people with canker sores. Apply a small amount with a Q-Tip or swish some around the mouth and spit it out. It might work.
- Vitamin E was first discovered in California in 1922. Since that time, there have been many claims made that taking high doses would prevent cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's as well as giving you good skin and eyesight. However, there is very little clinical evidence that vitamin E supplements are beneficial and many of the studies on the vitamin were inconclusive.
- Studies are being done comparing e-cigarettes (a battery-operated product that gives vaporized nicotine to the user) and nicotine patches. Recent results of one study showed the two methods were about equal in helping people stop smoking but the success rate was relatively low with both. E-cigarettes have still not been OK'd by Health Canada due to concerns about the effects of long-term use.
- Having a non-cancerous enlarged prostate gland can cause more frequent urination. If this is a problem, try restricting caffeine-containing and alcoholic fluids in the evening. When you do urinate, empty the bladder completely and have your doctor or pharmacist check your medications. Some meds may stimulate more urine flow. And try to relax. Stress sometimes causes increased urination.
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EDITORIAL

Nine more days!

Hang in there everyone - it's only nine more days until spring!

Actually, we've done quite well here, compared to other parts of the province, let alone the nation and the rest of North America. They have been plagued by feet of snow, days of power outages and freezing rain that did immense amounts of damage to their property.

Perhaps we should knock on wood, because we all know we are far from seeing the last snowfall or the last inclement dose of winter weather, but up to now, it's been so far, so good.

So, we can now look forward to longer evenings, thanks to Daylight Savings Time, warmer weather and the disappearance of snowbanks and ice-covered sidewalks... Any time now.

Chin up, everyone - spring's on its way!

WAY BACK WHEN...

Eagles, Elks and new direction

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES IN THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 11 IN...

1989

Elk Point's Kehew Construction Golden Eagles defeated Kitscoty to win the final round of playoffs and would represent Zone 2 at the Pee wee C Hockey Provincials Elk Point. Reform Party leader Preston Manning spoke to a packed crowd in the Pioneer Circle Hall as the party held a pre-by-election rally for candidate Deborah Grey.

1994

Elk Point Municipal Hospital Board explained their decision to go with the proposed new East Rural Health Region to the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce, although the new region is still unsure that it would receive approval. Elk Point Elks won the first round of their Sask-Alta League playoffs, defeating Kitscoty Monarchs in four games, and also won the year-end trophy for league play.

1999

Peter Danyluk and Mark Ference were headed to district competition when they won the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club public speaking competition, with Sarah Butler and Leanne Ference placing second. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was heading strongly in a new direction, with discussions of what was and was not part of the chamber's mandate taking up much of their meeting in the wake of a defeated motion to shut down the chamber entirely.

2004

Classic snowmobiles spanning three decades were lined up in an impromptu display on Main Street, with Elk Point TrailRiders bringing along their big Bombardier for the occasion. New Elk Point Chamber of Commerce president Rod Randall suggested that all of the chamber's business could be dealt with efficiently in one meeting per month, with members agreeing to try out the format on a temporary basis.

2009

For the first time in over a year, Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was back to a full executive, when Debra McQuinn agreed to take the post of treasurer, taking over from vice-president Lesia Porcina, who had filled both roles for the past year. Elk Point United Church youth choir expanded their ministry in music further afield when they took part in the World Day of Prayer ecumenical service at St. Michael's Catholic Church.



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GUEST COLUMN

In the middle

Today is Tuesday, March 11th and we are all hoping the middle of the month of March will bring spring. Actually that will be happening on March 20th at 12:57 p.m. EDT. Thinking about the middle of March, one of the faithful readers of my articles asked me an important question. He said: "What does the expression 'Beware of the Ides of March' mean and where does it come from?" Not remembering what I learned in school, I said, "Oh it must be Irish but I will look it up on Google."



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

"Beware of the Ides of March" is a phrase from a William Shakespeare plays entitled Julius Caesar. The word ides means the 15th day of March. It was a soothsayer (a fortune teller) in the play, Act One, Scene One, who gave the message to Caesar warning him of his impending death. Sure enough, Brutus assassinated Caesar, the Roman Dictator, on March 15th, in the year of 44 BC. After I learned this information I decided I needed to apologize to the Irish people for thinking it might have come from one of their Irish history stories. My error - sorry.

St. Patrick's Day is this coming Monday. It is a cultural and religious holiday celebrated on March 17. It is named after Saint Patrick (c. AD 385-461), the most commonly recognized of the patron saints of Ireland. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, as well as celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, céilíthe, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Christians also attend church services, and the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day, which has encouraged and propagated the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption. Saint Patrick's Day is a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland and Labrador and Montserrat. It is also widely celebrated by the Irish Diaspora around the

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world, especially in Britain, Canada, the United States, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. The good saint died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland on March 17, AD 460 - hence, the celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Originally, the colour associated with Saint Patrick was blue. Over the years, the colour green and its association with Saint Patrick's Day grew. Green ribbons and shamrocks were worn in celebration of St. Patrick's Day as early as the 17th century. Saint Patrick is said to have used the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish, and the ubiquitous wearing and display of shamrocks and shamrock-inspired designs has become a feature of the day. In the 1798 rebellion, to make a political statement, Irish soldiers wore full green uniforms on 17 March in hopes of catching public attention. The phrase "the wearing of the green", meaning to wear a shamrock on one's clothing, derives from a song of the same name. "The Wearing of the Green" is a traditional Irish folksong that dates back to the Irish Rebellion of 1798 when the Irish rose up against the British. At that time, wearing green clothing or shamrocks was considered a rebellious act in and of itself, potentially even punishable by death. The song clearly mocks that policy, and its popularity in its day (and now, even) enforced the color green and the shamrock as important symbols of Irish pride.

Speaking of Irish pride, Irish people also recognize their "Leprechauns". Looking like tiny old men dressed like shoemakers in leather aprons and cocked hats, and barely reaching two feet in height, the Leprechaun is the Irish fairy. Believed to be aloof and unfriendly, Leprechauns live alone, making shoes and watching over their pot of gold.

Although it is the middle of March, whether or not you remember Shakespeare's Julius Caesar play, the spring equinox, or St. Patrick's Day coming up, may I quote a blessing from St. Patrick:

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

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Town of Elk Point staff (left to right) Jenny Blacklock, Myron Goyan, Jay Duffee and Courtney DuBeau turned the town office pink on Friday, Feb. 28 in support of F. G. Miller High School's "Slam the Door on Bullying" campaign.



All those great pink "Slam the Door" t-shirts came from Knotty Boyz Embroidering and Giftware, where (left to right) Joyce Oryschuk, Twila Stafford and Karen Stafford proudly modeled their creations.



Lots of baking, but no bullying at Golden Loaf Bakery! says co-owner Tammy Robb.



Apple Drugs staff were delighted to wear their "Slam the Door on Bullying" shirts on Feb. 28 and help reinforce the message. Back row, left to right, are Danielle Fleet, Seyi Oyebode, Nigel LaFrance, Dorrie Deuchendorfer; front, left to right: Tessa Bell, Shani Jurak and Shannon Aarbo.



Diane Dewan photo

CNRL contributes to better learning for EPE students

Representatives of Canadian Natural Resources delivered a very big cheque in the sum of \$20,554.09 to Elk Point Elementary School on Friday, the company's contribution toward enhanced learning opportunities for the students. From left to right are Carol Brown of CNRL, EPE student Georgia Bendixen, Vice Principal Leanne Vinge, Principi Rob MacDonald and Richard Smyl of CNRL.

Donation will purchase equipment

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

Elk Point Elementary School was one of this year's recipients of funding raised by Canadian Natural Resources at a series of events throughout the year, including a golf tournament, a barbe-

cue lunch at CNRL offices and a steak and shrimp supper in Bonnyville. Volunteers from various groups, including EPE staff and parents, help to carry out these events.

EPE Coordinator of Student Supports Kris Ann Jenner sent CNRL

a power point application for grant funding to be used to purchase a set of iPads for use in classrooms to provide all students with access to inclusive education, and also to purchase sensory and occupational tools to assist students who have

difficulty with focusing and task completion. The latter includes light filters for classrooms and a noise reducing and calming device for children sensitive to distracting noises, as well as chairs that help them focus and concentrate.



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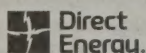
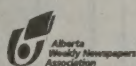
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Medal winners (back, left to right) Katelyn Bortynec, Aurora Smith, Shairenne Ginez, Ayyah Smith and Coach Candice Braun, (front, left to right) Vanessa Ginez and Janyka Evans-Anderson had a great time at the FunSkate.

Tiffany Smith photo

Local skaters excel at Lloydminster FunSkate

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Six Elk Point skaters took part in the Lloydminster FunSkate on Jan. 5, bringing home a total of seven medals.

Delighted coach Candice Braun said, "the greatest moment was seeing all the girls work hard on their skills and seeing the excitement they all had, then seeing all the hard work and determination pay off. There are no words to describe how proud I was and still am of every single one."

Cankaters Vanessa and Shairenne Ginez placed first in Stages 1 and 2 respectively. Vanessa's favorite part was the jump and marching across the ice, while Shairenne's was the spin, skating backwards and meeting new friends.

Junior skater Avah Smith, who placed first in Stage 3, said her favorite part was holding her one-foot glide "for

a long time... and competing against other skaters to come in first." Her sister Aurora, placing first in Stage 4, "loved working hard to get a medal, and getting it was even better." Katelyn Boratynec, who placed third in Stage 4 and second in the Spin, Spiral Jump, "found it was a lot of fun. It was also a lot of work because it was challenging. My favorite part was hearing the whole crowd cheering for me."

Janyka Evans-Anderson, who placed first in the Spin, Spiral Jump "loved the entire fun meet, especially getting my medal. Now I am focusing on passing my dances, Canasta and Baby Blues."

All of the skaters said they'd be happy to compete at future FunSkates.

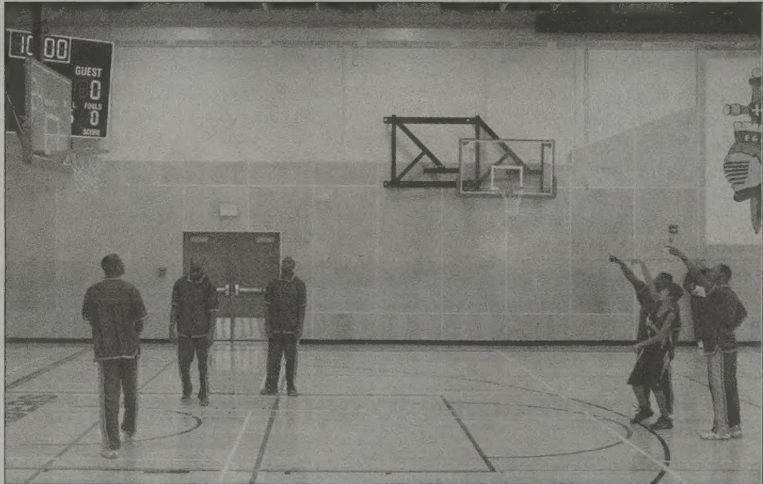
"They all deserved their medal, but the most important aspect is they all enjoyed it and we all had a great time. I would be proud to do it all again with them in a heartbeat," the coach concluded.

Harlem Crowns take on FGM Crusaders in entertaining action

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A near-capacity crowd enjoyed a hugely entertaining evening of basketball on Saturday evening when the Harlem Crowns bounced into the F. G. Miller High School gym, accompanied by their traditional theme song, 'Sweet Georgia Brown.' The Crowns were there to take on the senior boys, following a very competitive game where a squad made up of teachers and coaches narrowly defeated the senior girls.

Principal Darcy Younghans introduced both lineups in the feature game, and the fun began, with the Crowns passing the ball back and forth and dancing around the court, but taking time out to toss the ball unerringly into the basket, the score 20 - 12 for the Crowns after 10 minutes. In the second quarter, the visitors badgered the referee and played tricks on the Crusaders, but magic-



Vicki Brooker photos

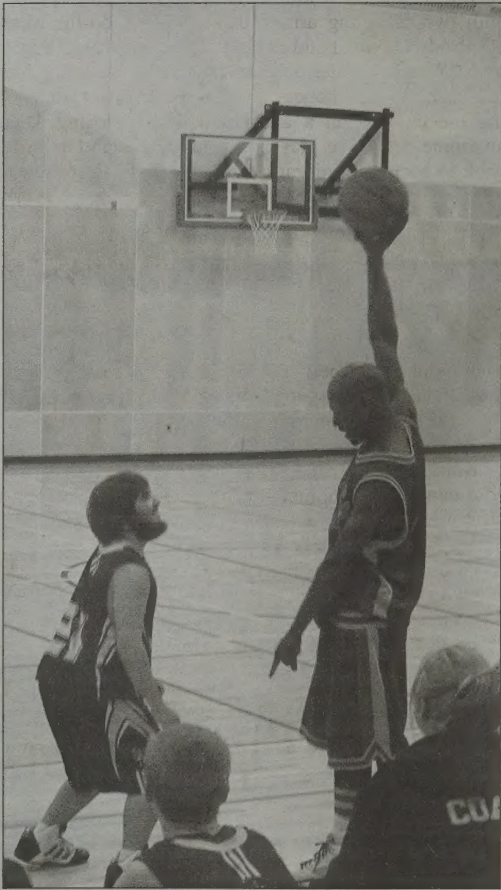
Tricks of the trade - The Harlem Crowns did a little coaching of the Crusader squad, pointing out the basket's location to Kevin Tuliao (above) and telling another player he had to reach waaay up high!

ally, the score clock had inched up to 40 - 37 on the home team's favour by half time.

The fun resumed after a brief intermission, the Crowns tossing the ball high into the stands and evading all efforts on behalf of the referee to retrieve it, one player climbing into the stands to chat up the ladies, and the rest doing little dances as they edged past the Crusaders 64 - 57.

The final 10 minutes started with the recruitment of a youngster from the crowd, who after a short pep talk by the Crowns, calmly shot a flawless pair of baskets, to the crowd's amazement.

That lad wasn't the only one who learned some smooth moves, however, as the Crusaders looked right at home with the internationally famous entertainers, performing a few tricks of their own as they brought the game to a conclusion, only five points short of a win, the final score 79 - 75.



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Bantams wind up season with tourney win

Nothing could be sweeter than ending the year on a winning note; going out with a big bang like the Bantam Avalanche just did; winning the A side of a tournament in Hillmond, Saskatchewan, the home town of former NHL defenseman Wade Redden, this past weekend. This team has had many struggles this season and at times it was very tough to take.



Not far away on Sunday at the Border City, the Novice No. 2 team had a tough day against one of the top teams in Lloydminster losing 7 to 2.

Pond Hockey is a Hockey Alberta program that was designed a few years ago to give all kids at any age or skill level the opportunity to play hockey just for fun. Right now there are 3,574 registered participants in Alberta in 34 organizations. Elk Point Pond Hockey is in its second season and was started last year by Maria Cueva and it has grown this year. This past Saturday they hosted a one-day, six-team tournament with two teams coming from Myrmam and one team each from St. Paul, Mallaig and Wainwright. The parking lot was full all day and the concession was very busy. Each of the teams played two one-hour games, with a short break at half time. Every two and half minute the buzzer would go and the lines shift. This is no-contact hockey, boys and girls of various ages from about 10 years old to 18 are on the team. This helps them develop their skills and keeps them physically fit in a less competitive atmosphere. Although I must admit after watching our Elk Point team charge onto the ice, pile up in a big huddle with loud cheers and high fives on the weekend when they defeated St. Paul, they seemed to be thrilled after winning the game and I hate to say this, but somehow winning is still better than losing, keeping score is still important and is still the main driving force in almost every sport, although some guys do go overboard.

My good friend and bantam team manager, Lori Poitras always tells me "Hockey brings out the worst in people," and I read about a perfect example in the Sunday Sun. A 47-year-old man in Barrie, Ontario lost it during a teenage girls' hockey game, taking after the referees, following them right to the dressing room and not letting up, the police had to be called in and he ended up in jail with multiple charges including assault. And it was a girls' game no less. Not to say girls' hockey isn't competitive, just look at the women's Olympic team. And while we're speaking of girls' hockey, Lori is going to try really hard to ice a peewee girls' hockey team in Elk Point next year. So if you know of any girls interested, call her. For many years we did have peewee and midget girls' hockey, if fact my daughter played and if anyone can get a team going, I know Lori can!

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "Yeah I'm cocky and I am arrogant. But that doesn't mean I'm not a nice person. "Last week's answer to: "It takes brains. It's not like a forward, where you can get away with scoring and not play defense. On defense you have to be thinking." - Chris Chelios

Building a bantam team from scratch after all these years of not having one is not an easy task. Losing almost all their league games and not making the play-offs and then to top it off just last week, losing out in the final game to Smoky Lake for a chance to go to the provincial final was very disappointing. But nothing could cap off the season better than this. Nothing!

And nine is just fine! The Avalanche, with only nine skaters and a goalie in the lineup played a marathon three games on Saturday. Things started out a little shaky Saturday morning, the Avalanche losing to Lashburn in the first one by 9 to 0. Not really sure what the team had for lunch but it must have been loaded up with some kind of energy, because they never looked back after that, winning over the host Hillmond 4 to 0; the energizer bunny Austin "Astro" Axley with two, the long armed bandit "Big O" Brody Odgaard and rugged defenseman "Warrior Warren" Ference adding one each, "Last Chancie" Botting helping the cause with a assist and some awesome defensive plays; then playing back to back, a third game on Saturday winning over Prince Albert 8 to 2; the team captain Nicholas Tucker with his wicked slap shot, Austin "Ozzie" Stafford and the "Big O" with two each, "Warrior Warren" and "CCW" Christian Castle -Wasson adding one each, "Last Chancie" Botting on the sheet with the helper; sending them to the A final on Sunday where they would meet the same Lashburn team who gave them a spanking the day before.

But, not this time, with the new confidence and momentum they had built up, nothing would stop them now; nothing; the Avalanche skated all over Lashburn to a 5 to 1 victory. "The Big O" with three, no one will catch this guy when he's on a break away, Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras finding a hole in the pocket and Ethan Tremblay with the icing on the cake. Sparkplug "Astro" with two helpers. Unsung heroes Cyle "Grinder" Graus and Amy Harms are not on the score sheet but their defensive work did not go unnoticed. Shane "Hercules" Hurtubise was once again stellar in net. A great team effort by everyone, the Avalanche taking home the hardware! Congratulations!

Congratulations also go out to Bantam Ays coach Megan Tucker on the birth of her daughter, Mirabel, a sister for Nicholas and Sebastian.



Submitted photo

This year's Pond Hockey lineup included Nolan Vogel, Carson Vogel, Tammy Roberts, Nathaniel Roberts, Wyatt Povoll, Chayse Pankiw, Sydney Crawford, Ty Smereka, Cale Henderson, Parker Allen, Kaden Allen, Mickal Pilisko, Zach Tchir, Kolbie Poitras, Avery Turner, Jaden Plaska, Leon Cueva, Eros Cueva, Wolke Cueva, Cole MacDonald, Dustin Pinder, Spencer Hardcastle, Slader Hardcastle and (not shown) Adana Pinder



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Elk Point Bantam Avalanche proudly shows off the 'A' side trophy from this weekend's tournament in Hillmond, SK.

Vintage snowmobiles well worth the wait

The Elk Point TrailRiders Vintage Snowmobile show and trail ride may have been a week late, due to last week's extreme cold, but it was well worth waiting for, with 60 sleds lined up almost the full length of Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail Staging Area on Saturday.

The day continued with a trail ride with full cooperation from the weatherman.



This gleaming red 1963 Polaris Autoboggon is just part of a large collection of snowmobiles owned by Gary Suvak, who says this prized possession was brought all the way from Manitoba. Gary and son Jonathan had eight sleds on display at Saturday's show.

Science Fair

(Continued from Front Page)

Paige Skarsen and Tino Braga had real wasp nests as part of their display on "Insects" and visitors were invited to thump on the table so Wyatt Pavoll could demonstrate his "Seismology" equipment. Volcanoes were popular, and were featured in displays by Richard Rahn and Hunter Ramsey and "Ring of Fire" by Nate Kennedy Cousins and Seth Morton. Joey Cardinal showed how to "Make Balloons Stick Like Magic" and Shaylyn Klatt demonstrated: "Which Cup Will Keep Your Drink Coldest," while Spencer McNamara displayed "Invisible Ink" and Casey Urquhart answered the question, "Can Coke Shine a Penny?" Avery Warawa and Taylor Swedgan displayed a crowd-pleasing marshmallow gun, Kyra Ockerman floated eggs in salt water, and Luke Germain showed how flowers can change colour when their stems are placed in coloured water. An equally huge crowd was gathered in the school library for the annual Book Fair, which had something for every young reader, and a few for the adults as well.



Nate Kennedy-Cousins (left) and Seth Morton explored the 'Ring of Fire' volcanoes in the South Pacific with this expanded look at the world of volcanoes.



Paige Skarsen and Tino Braga came equipped with rubber gloves for visitors who wanted a hands-on experience with their insect display.



Who knew you could trap a volcano? CorraLynn Kowal-King and (not shown) Lillyen Swedgan did!



Now we'll know which cup will keep our pop the coldest! Thanks, Shaylyn Klatt!



Zoe Cribbins and Katelyn Boratynec drew lots of attention with their vehicle safety display (above), which showed just how well seat belts work, while Piper Babcock and Kori Kozicky were happy to tell visitors all about the fascinating Bearded Dragon Lizard.



Elk Point Elementary School's library was busy, busy, busy as eager shoppers browsed through stacks of reading material for all ages, from preschool to adult, at the annual Book Fair that accompanied the Science Fair, creating long lineups at the checkout counter.



A few thumps were all it took to set this innovative seismometer, created by young scientist Wyatt Pavoll, in motion, creating a graph on the paper touched by the moving pencil.

Local churches mark World Day of Prayer

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Women from Elk Point's Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic, Ukrainian Orthodox, Christian Community and United Churches, along with one man recruited by the United Church ladies, led a congregation made up of those of many faiths through Friday evening's World Day of Prayer service.

Representatives of each church delivered a part of the service that for 2014 was created by the women of Egypt.

"Tonight we pray for peace and security for those women," Marie Srdic of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church said, as she held up an ank, the circle-topped cross Egyptians call 'the symbol of life,' and noted that the participants had chosen to honour the women of Egypt by wearing headscarves similar to their hijabs. She introduced the remarkable story of Christianity's beginnings in Egypt and its development through the ages, while Theresa McNamara offered the invitation to worship.

Group by group, the participants came forward, with Bible verses and prayers, Lesia Porcina, Peggy Smerka, Clara Ference and Diane Franklin providing a narrative about the life of women in Egypt, Wanda Kryzanowski, Marcy Holden, Rita Langden and Elda Magnusson reading from John 4:3-42 about Jesus meeting the woman at Jacob's well.

Father Gerard Gauthier of St. Paul Cathedral was the evening's featured speaker, giving new insight into life in Egypt, Samaria and Israel, having spent seven and a half years in that area and gaining "a wealth of knowledge about the desert" and the people of those lands. He visited St. Mark's Church in Cairo, said to have been built on the site where Jesus, Mary and Joseph once lived, he laid in the tomb of Pharos in a pyramid, and "felt like a three-year-old trying to climb on a chair" as he tried to scale one of the immense stone blocks that make up the pyramids.

United Church representatives Holly Myshaniuk, Shirley Kvill, Donna Chamberland, Erma Yewchin and John Bennett led the final prayers of intercession, with Lena Stepa delivering the final reading, a blessing from Isaiah 58:11.

Christian Community Church Pastor Dave Holden gave the benediction.



Elda Magnusson and Marcy Holden.



Lesia Porcina, Peggy Smerka, Clara Ference and Diane Franklin told the ecumenical congregation about life in Egypt during their part of Friday night's service. In the background is Marie Srdic, who gave the opening remarks.

NEVER FAIL This Novena is to be said every hour for nine consecutive hours, just one day. O Jesus, who has said, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it shall be opened to you," through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayers be granted (make request). O Jesus, who has said, "All you ask of the Father in my name He will grant you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask Thy Father in Thy Name, that my prayers be granted (make request). O Jesus, who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass but my word shall not pass," through the intercession of Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayers will be granted (make request). Publication promised to make the Novena known. Thank you St. Jude for prayers answered. O.S.

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Wildrose

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"Healthcare costs have exploded, now taking up more than 45 per cent of the budget," said Saskiw. "The (PCs) health super board is an experiment that's failed. It's a healthcare system that doesn't work. Centralized decision making doesn't work."

Saskiw said government policies are hurting seniors and small businesses in the province. "The PC's budget slogan is 'Debt is Hope'... What does that say about our future? The Wildrose will take care of those most vulnerable in society," he said.

Kerry Towle, MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake and the opposition's human services and seniors' critic, also spoke at the event.

"I really like coming to rural communities like Glendon," said Towle. "It's these communities that built Alberta, and as Albertans, you deserve much better than the current government is offering."

Towle made several promises to Albertans and seniors, including protecting seniors' rights to age in their own home.

"We will not ship our seniors out of their homes and communities," said Towle. "You have the right to age with dignity in your own home. The current government and cabinet clearly have no problem spending and abusing your hard-earned dollars. We're reaching out to Albertans, to hear what they have to say, what their ideas and what their solutions are."

Towle said criticism of the Wildrose following the last provincial election was that the party was "too new," but she said the party "now has the experience and the ability" to represent Alberta.

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Ballet teacher Kalekhov demonstrates a wrestling move on Anthony Carmichael Sr. while Mrs. Carmichael shrieks and Tony Jr. intervenes (above), a Grand Duchess comes to dinner and offers to cook it after regaling the family with tales of her exile (top right), Ed and Mr. DiPima discuss the effectiveness of their latest fireworks experiment (right) as the story continues. With all this going on, can Tony Jr. and the lovely Alice put all the mayhem aside and find true love (far right)?

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Theatre

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The Sycamores' oldest daughter, Essie (Dixie Coleman) studies ballet and makes exotic chocolates, while her husband, Ed Carmichael (Ray Basaraba) plays classical music on the xylophone and prints things... all sorts of things, some of them more than a little peculiar. The younger daughter, Alice (Caitlin Tazzer) is definitely the most normal of the group, which certainly helps when she catches the eye of her boss' son, Tony Kirby (Ryan Johnsen).

Added to the mix is a stodgy housekeeper, Rheba (Jessica Clarke) and her unemployed boyfriend, Donald (Ryan Clarke), Essie's flamboyant ballet teacher Boris Kalenkhov (Randall Krys), his good friend, and exiled Grand Duchess Olga Katrina (Velma Hudson) and gin-swinging wannabe actress Gay Wellington (Doris Osinchuk).

Together, they create a series of bizarre incidents that get even stranger when Tony's very refined parents (Lawrence Pidluzny and Ellen Reed) show up for dinner a day early, with a pack of federal agents (Roland Kinney, Mabel Gottenbos and Anne Caouette not far behind).

This quirky combination of characters and situations really must be seen to be believed, and has a few peppy songs and a heart-rending love story thrown in for good measure. Some tickets were still available at press time, phone 780-227-1420 or email elk-pointchoir@hotmail.com if you haven't purchased yours yet.